



Elgin Academy

Active Schools Annual Report 2014-15

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Elgin Academy is a Six Year comprehensive school serving the north of Elgin. The school caters for over 1000 pupils and in 2014-15 was the largest school by roll in Moray. Extensive new sporting facilities provide an inspiring environment for pupils, staff, coaches and volunteers to participate and deliver a wide range of activities and sports.

Impact of Active Schools

In 201-15 Active Schools ran an extensive extra-curricular programme for pupils with all sessions well attended and, in some cases, at full capacity.

Girls' football was delivered through the academic year with around 15 girls attending training sessions. Active Schools organised a series tri-annual girls' football tournaments in Moray and, over the years, Elgin Academy has been well-represented and successful at these events. In 2014-15 the training sessions to prepare girls for their matches were delivered PE teacher Josh Kinnear and he has had a positive impact on the team and on their success in the tournaments.

Netball continued to be very popular in 2014-15 with over 40 girls from S1-5 attending training sessions, which were delivered by a committed volunteer coach, Fiona Houlston. Initially, we also paid for a coach to assist at these sessions but this is no longer required as a member of PE staff has committed to assisting the volunteer coach on a permanent basis. Three teams (S1, S2 and S3) competed in the Moray secondary schools league, and we worked with the national governing body, Netball Scotland, to organise a Netball Leaders course for senior pupils to enable them to assist with coaching and at primary tournaments in the coming years.

Deliverers Network

The Scottish Youth Dance Agency's (YDance) Active Girls project is a national programme that was rolled out in all Moray secondary schools two years ago. Seven girls from Elgin Academy gained their level one certificate in dance leadership in 2013-14. Over the past two years the

leaders have delivered weekly dance sessions as part of a transition project for P6s and P7s. This was very successful with an average of ten girls attending.

Two of the dancer leaders took their role further by becoming Youth Dance Creators, in which they have received three weekends of training in Glasgow delivered by YDance. Through this they have developed their leadership skills immensely. In their role they have to promote dance through the 'Get Scotland Dancing' initiative. The girls will have the opportunity to further develop their skills in 2014-15 by undertaking the level two dance leadership qualification.

Badminton continues to run at full capacity with PE teacher Miss Gardiner leading the sessions. She continues to support the club by setting up mini-competitions each week. Miss Gardiner also mentors the school's Young Ambassadors, often asking them to assist at clubs such as netball and badminton.

School to Club Links

Elgin Academy has a strong link with Elgin Eagles Basketball Club, running weekly sessions at the school. We worked with the club to organise three successful tournaments in 2014-15; these Saturday tournaments were well attended with an average of 40 pupils playing a competitive round robin.

Elgin Academy was well-represented at the Moray Schools Orienteering Competition in autumn term at Gordonstoun, delivered by Active Schools in partnership with Moravian Orienteering Club. This event is during curriculum time and is an excellent introduction for pupils to the sport and further opportunities to participate outside school.

“In Moray, Active Schools has helped turn one of Scotland's Cinderella sports in to the Queen of the Ball. As Regional Development Officer for Moray, I feel that the school-club links that the Active Schools Team has helped us develop are the strongest in the country in this sport. It has resulted in club junior membership increasing six-fold since our partnership began in 2006.”

Mike Rodgers - Regional Development Officer (Moray), Scottish Orienteering

This school-to-community sport pathway approach paid off in 2014-15 with several pupils from Elgin Academy going on to attend the Saturday Orienteering League events, and the school placing third in the league at the end of the year. Additionally, and as part of the school's activity day, Moravian Orienteers and Active Schools worked with school staff to organise a day of orienteering. This shows a progression from last year and that the school are making good use of their orienteering equipment purchased last year as part of the 'World Orienteering Champs and Beyond' project.

The attached monitoring report has been produced by Sportscotland on our behalf and contains the 'outputs' of our efforts to create more opportunities for children to get active in 2014-15. We hope this might be useful for inspections, for dissemination to parents, or simply for your own information. Please contact me directly if there is anything in the report you would like to discuss in detail, or if you need any more information.

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